



# Montgomery County Council

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## **“REAL ID Act” Creates More Insecurity for All**

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Tom Perez, President of the Montgomery County Council, today welcomed thousands of activists and members of the Latino and immigrant communities from the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area who will hold a gathering on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville to reject the “Real ID Act.”

“I am happy to see that the community has organized this event to express its concerns over this bill. We must let Congress know that we do not accept anti-immigrant and costly proposals that only serve to create more insecurity in our communities,” said Perez.

Perez opined that the federal government will create more insecurity for all members of our community if this legislation is adopted. According to Perez, immigrant families in the County will be forced to drive without licenses or car insurance; this will create dangerous conditions on our streets and highways.

“We want to have a safe community and be assured that all of the drivers on our streets and highways have a driver’s license and car insurance” Perez said. The measure is also expected to cost millions to implement, creating more pressures on the state government.

Perez highlighted the economic obstacles that will arise for immigrants who still have not resolved their immigration status in this country.

“It is difficult to work and provide for your family if you do not have a driver’s license. How do we expect immigrants to rent an apartment to obtain their basic necessities if they are unable to get to work?” said Perez.

Perez emphasized that immigrants have made enormous contributions to our economy and community and that Montgomery County continues to be a place where immigrants are welcomed.

“Immigrants who live in the community are our neighbors and an integral part of our society.” said Perez. ####